GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Appeal - Sri K.Ravi Babu, the then Tahsildar, Kothapatnam (M), Prakasam District - Disciplinary proceedings initiated on the allegation of making webland entries irregularly in respect of various survey numbers in Alluru-Kothapatnam Revenue (V) of Kothapatnam (M) - Imposed Punishment of Reversion in Rank to Deputy Tahsildar - Appeal filed - Punishment modifed as "stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect" - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.160 Dated:08.02.2024

Read the following:

1. CCLA Procgs No: REV02-28021/61/2021, (e.1526456) Dt: 26/06/2023.
2. Appeal petition dt:Nil of Sri K.Ravi Babu, Tahsildar, Tenali, former Tahsildar, Kothapatnam (M), Prakasam District received through Hon'ble Minister with Endt.No.337, Dt:07.07.2023.
3. Govt.Memo.No.REV01-LANA0CCLV(DISC)/42/2023- VIG.III(2),Dt:19/07/2023.
4. Remarks & Connected records received from the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P, Mangalagiri through e-file bearing Comp.No.1526456.
5. Govt.Memo.No.REV01-LANA0CCLV(DISC)/42/2023- VIG.III(2),Dt:27/11/2023

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ORDER:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that disciplinary proceedings were instituted against Sri K.Ravi Babu, the then Tahsildar, Kothapatnam (M), Prakasam District on the allegation of making webland entries irregularly in respect of the lands for an extent of Ac.124.09 cents in various survey numbers in Alluru-Kothapatnam Revenue (V) of Kothapatnam (M), Prakasam District. After following the due procedure under Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control &Appeal) Rules, 1991, as the charge framed against Sri K.Ravi Babu, Tahsildar, is held proved, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., issued orders imposing a major penalty of "Reversion in Rank to Deputy Tahsildar" against Sri K.Ravi Babu, the then Tahsildar, Kothapatnam (M), Prakasam District vide reference 1st read above.

2. Aggrieved by the above orders of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., the individual has filed an appeal before the Government stating that the disciplinary authority has not taken into consideration of the findings of the Inquiry officer i.e., it is true that the updation of names of 14 individuals into webland seems to be done in regular course of action as part of porting of data from Manual 1-B, adangal into Webland in bulk on war foot basis. Further submitted that the alleged illegal entries in the webland are cancelled and restored in the name of the Government and there is no loss to the Government. The order of the punishment is highly excessive, disproportionate to the gravity of the charge and also against the principles of natural justice. Therefore, he has requested to allow the appeal and pass orders to stay/suspend the effect and operation of the orders passed in the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration and also to set aside the same and consequently allow the appellant to continue in service with all service benefits.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, while admitting the appeal petition of Sri K.Ravi Babu, Tahsildar, Government have stated the operation of the punishment orders issued by the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration in the reference 1st read above and requested the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration to examine the contents of the appeal petition and furnish a report along with specific remarks and connected records to take further action in the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., has submitted the connected records and stated that the orders issued by Chief Commissioner of Land Administration & Special C.S. in the reference 1st read above is selfexplanatory. A personal hearing has been conducted on 16.10.2023 & 30.11.2023 and the appellant has been attended and submitted his defense.

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4. After careful examination of the records made available and statement submitted by the appellant during the personal hearing, it is observed that the updation of names of 14 individuals into web land is done in regular course of action. But when the irregularity was noticed all the Pattas were cancelled duly restoring the land to Government. As the reversion orders are already stayed, and the incumbent is continuing as Tahsildhar, Government have decided to modify the punishment of Reversion to Deputy Tahsildar as stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect.

5. Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred under rule 37 (2) (c) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control &Appeal)Rules, 1991, Government hereby modify the punishment of "Reversion to Deputy Tahsildar" imposed by the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration against Sri K.Ravi Babu, the then Tahsildar, Kothapatnam (M), Prakasam District as "stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect" under rule 9 Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control &Appeal)Rules, 1991.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN,IAS
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To:
Sri K.Ravi Babu, the then Tahsildar, Kothapatnam (M), Prakasam District presently working as Tahsildar, Tenali ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
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The OSD to Hon'ble Minister (Rev).
The Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur.
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